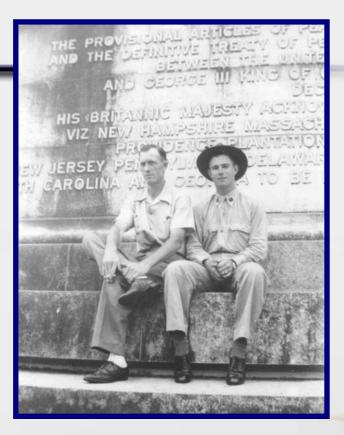
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Alfred Keen, Buffalo Bill Smith, Unknown, J.C. Keen



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Carroll E. Keen - Age 20 Years 344 53rd Street, Newport News, Virginia Place of Marriage, Summer 1942





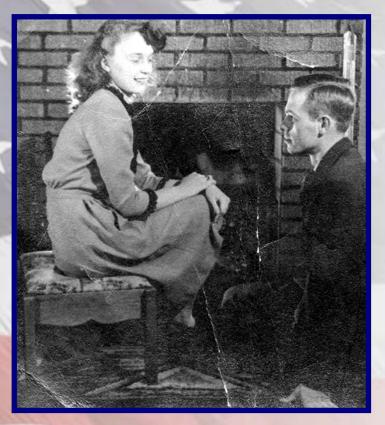
John C. Keen – June 17 Alabama Training Camp

# 1943 -1945





Grace, age 16, and Pete Keen, age 20 5 Howard Court (Beaconsdale), Newport News Virginia Late 1942 or Early 1943





1945 850 29th Street, Newport News VA Carroll Keen and Carroll Keen, Jr. who is 3 0r 4 Days Old

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# JANUARY





Pete 850 29th Street, Newport News, Virginia January 1-6, 1945





Pete and Carroll Keen, Jr. January 1-6,1945 850 29th Street, Newport News, Virginia Carroll Keen and Carroll Keen, Jr. who is 3 0r 4 Days Old PFC Carroll Keen left for Europe on the *RMS Queen Mary*. He left New York City on 25 January 1945, leaving behind his wife, Grace, and infant son, Carroll Jr.



The Queen Mary holds the record for the most people ever aboard a ship during a single crossing. The historic event took place during WW II when "The Grey Ghost" transported more than 16,000 troops at one time.

Pictured left to right are the three largest troopships of their time: The Normandie, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. Prime Minister Winston Churchill often credited the two "Queens" with shortening World War II by a year because of their capacity for transporting troops - as many as 16,000 in a crossing.





### **1945 Queen Mary Crossings**

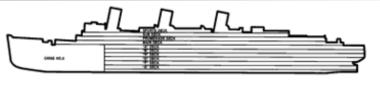
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44E	New York	Gourock	45-Jan-01	45-Jan-07	
45W	Gourock	New York	45-Jan-13	45-Jan-19	
45E	New York	Gourock	45-Jan-24	45-Jan-30	
46W	Gourock	New York	45-Feb-05	45-Feb-11	3,293(P), 1,140(C)
46E	New York	Gourock	45-Feb-19	45-Feb-24	11,226(T), 1,382(C)
47W	Gourock	New York	45-Mar-05	45-Mar-11	4,111(P), 1,366(C)
47E	New York	Gourock	45-Mar-18	45-Mar-23	10,905(T), 1,385(C)
48W	Gourock	New York	45-Mar-29	45-Apr-04	3,895(P), 1,387(C)
Drydock	Bayonne, N.J.		45-Apr-18	45-Apr-19	
48E	New York	Gourock	45-Jun-05	45-Jun-10	1,207(P), 1,026(C)
49W	Gourock	New York	45-Jun-15	45-Jun-20	14,777(T), 893(C)
49E	New York	Gourock	45-Jun-26	45-Jul-01	1,040(P), 903(C)
50W	Gourock	New York	45-Jul-06	45-Jul-11	8,551(T), 12(P)
50E	New York	Gourock	45-Jul-17	45-Jul-22	567(T)
51W	Gourock	New York	45-Jul-28	45-Aug-02	14,790(T), 68(P)
51E	New York	Southampton	45-Aug-06	45-Aug-11	643(T), 68(P)
52W	Southampton	New York	45-Aug-17	45-Aug-21	14,776(T), 58(P)
52E	New York	Southampton	45-Aug-26	45-Aug-31	11(T), 93(P)
53W	Southampton	New York	45-Sep-05	45-Sep-10	14,803(T), 88(P)
53E	New York	Southampton	45-Sep-13	45-Sep-18	54(T), 31(P)
54W	Southampton	New York	45-Sep-23	45-Sep-28	14,938(T), 161(P), 834(C)
54E	New York	Southampton	45-Oct-01	45-Oct-07	11(T), 29(P)
55W	Southampton	New York	45-Oct-11	45-Oct-16	11,383(T), 202(P), 836(C)
55E	New York	Southampton	45-Oct-20	45-Oct-25	
56W	Southampton	New York	45-Nov-04	45-Nov-09	11,483(T), 48(P), 837(C)
56E	New York	Southampton	45-Nov-13	45-Nov-18	4,540(P), 836(C)
57W	Southampton	New York		45-Nov-27	11,683(T), 843(C)
57E	New York	Southampton	45-Nov-30	45-Dec-06	1,200(P), 843(C)
58W	Southampton	New York	45-Dec-09	45-Dec-14	11,588(T), 846(C)
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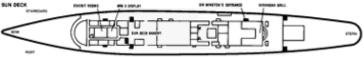


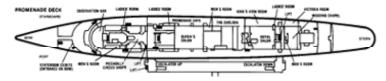
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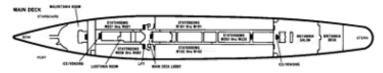


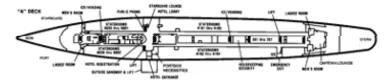


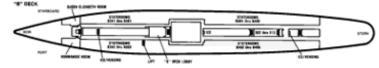


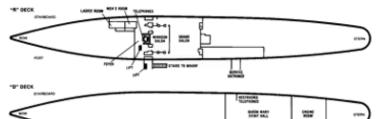












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### Queen Mary Deck Plans

### Queen Mary Today in Long Beach, California



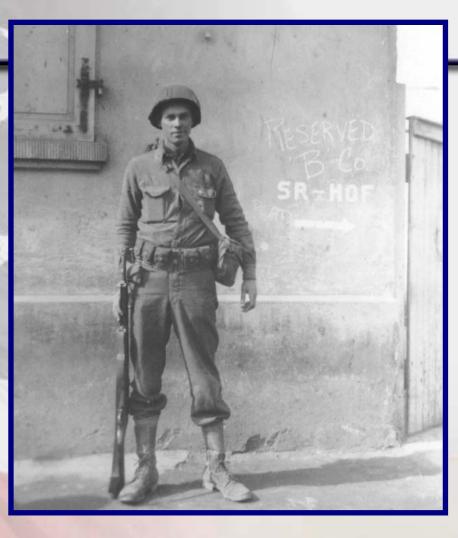
### MARCH



Ghost Town, France, March 20 Last Stop Before the Siegfried Line



Pat Kegans and Pete, Danstadt, Germany, March, 1945 Just Prior to Crossing the Rhine River. The Rhine was crossed on a pontoon bridge under a smoke screen at Ludwigshafen, Germany.



PFC Carroll Keen Danstadt, Germany, March, 1945



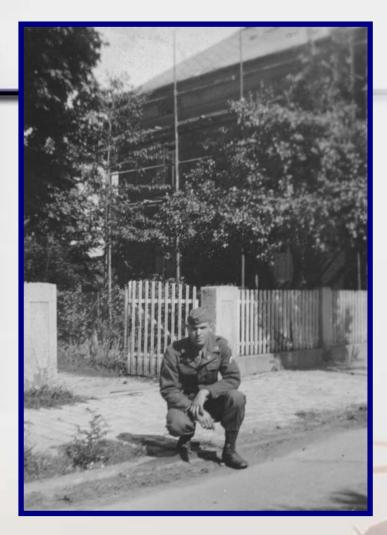
This bridge into Stuttgart Is typical of German bridge demolition during retreat. Note the foot-bridge on the left which PFC Keen used many times.

## APRIL



#### 7 April

Skiba, Rigelsky, Sadiler, Eutsey, Walton, and PFC Keen captured four SS soldiers and killed one. From this house they sniped at Germans all afternoon.



In this place PFC Keen helped pick up a good friend who was seriously wounded on April 7, 1945

Jagsfield, Germany



PFC Carroll Keen with German 88mm antiaircraft flak gun after VE day Mid 1945.

Jagsfield, Germany





PFC Carroll Keen April 20, last day on the front lines

Schondorf, Germany





Paul North, Peter Pecylak, PFC Keen April 20, last day of combat

Schondorf, Germany



PFC Carroll Keen and S/Sgt. Frank Annunipato guarding forty-three prisoners at Looch, Germany



#### John Keen and Carroll Keen

Nancy, France

# JUNE

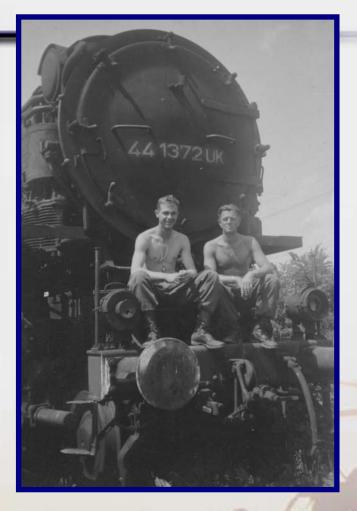


Squad Orchestra L-R From Back: Fairchild, Keen, Stocia, Robitellieo, Sadilek

Winnenden, Germany



PFC Carroll Keen (Engineer) and PFC Paul (Loot) Noeth This engine was strafed by allied aircraft. It has 50 caliber holes on the other side of the engine and was originally captured by Germany



#### **Kirchberg**, **Germany**

# AUGUST





PFC Carroll Keen on guard duty



L-R. PFC Carroll Keen, Beothby, Sadilck, Stoica shown with Browning automatic rifle





**PFC Carroll Keen** 





PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Boothby



PFC Carroll Keen (R) and PFC Larry Fairchilds (PFC Keen won the match)





L-R. St. Laurent, Hunt, Black, Armstrong, Surles, Joiner, Bell, Cassell

German Tank On the Road to Fellback After V-E Day



**PFC Carroll Keen and Friends** 

German Tank On the Road to Fellback After V-E Day

### SEPTEMBER



3rd Platoon - 2nd Squad, F-CO-398 Infantry, 100th Division L-R. Top Row. PFC Carroll Keen, Fairchilds, Stocia, Sadilek, Kegans Bottom Row: Walton, Boothby, Robitello, Kasberger





PFC Keen and PFC Walton

PFC Keen and PFC Mila



PFC Carroll Keen



**PFC Carroll Keen and Friends** 

# OCTOBER





Return to England and Scotland on RR Leave PFC Keen at entrance to Edinburgh Castle



### HMS Queen Elizabeth, South Hampton, England



PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Jackson on the way to England

**Red Cross Club, Etnetat, France** 

# NOVEMBER





PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Snowden, 504th M.P.



PFC Carroll Keen and PFC Jackson PFC Keen was licensed and sometimes drove the Recon-Car

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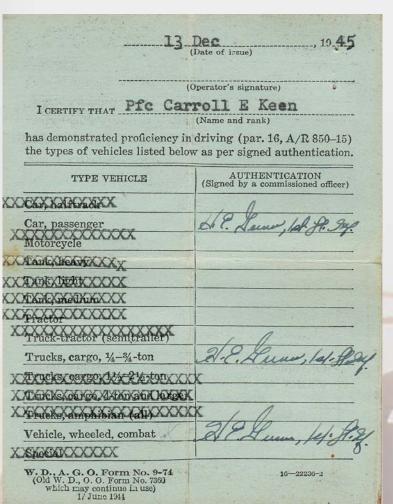
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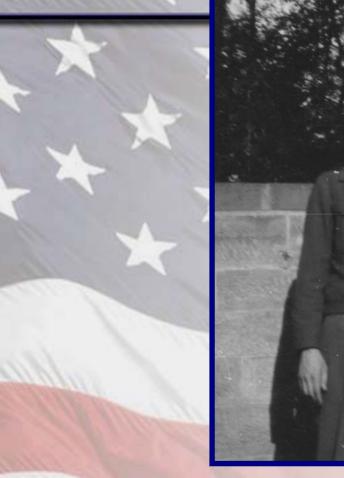
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## FEBRUARY



L-R. PFC Kanus, CPL Stephens, CPL Keen

Giessen, Germany





**CPL Carroll Keen** 

Giessen, Germany

# MARCH





CPL Keen and CPL Capobianchi Assigned to a detachment of about 35 who worked with C.I.C. and C.I.D





Back-Front, L-R. SGT Johnson, CPL Keen, S/SGT Gordon Lt. Waddell, SGT Hardy, CPL Capobianchi





**CPL Carroll Keen and CPL Capobianchi** 



**CPL Carroll Keen and Friends** 



CPL Carroll Keen, Davidson (British) From Cologne Stadium, PVT May



**CPL Carroll Keen and Friends** 

# APRIL





**CPL Carroll Keen** 

CPL Keen returned home on the Wheaton Victory, departing out of Le Havre, France on 6 May 1946. It docked in New York City on 15 May 1946. He was given \$10.00 for bus fare home to Newport News, Virginia. He hitch-hiked home and reached the arms of his wife, Grace, and infant son, Carroll Jr., midnight, 19 May 1946. He came home safe and sound to a loving wife and a grateful country.



### Honorable Discharge

This is lo certify that CARROLL E. KEEN, 33 859 392, CORPORAL, 398TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 100TH DIVISION,

#### Army of the United States

is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Konest and Faithful Service to this country.

Given al SEPARATION CENTER, FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND.

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HangKumaa

THE WHITE HOUSE



This Diploma Is Awarded to

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who has completed the requirements for graduation from

### Pittsylvania High School

Given at Chatham, this 24th day of May, 1939

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#### SEVENTH UNITED STATES ARMY MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL

Heidelberg University Germany

Date 17 November 1945

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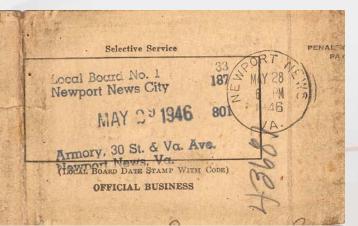
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